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**SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131**

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I, Barry Fellman, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am the sole named inventor in the above-captioned U.S. Patent Application (the "present application"), which claims the benefit of U.S. provisional application no. 60/168,368, filed December 1, 1999 (the "provisional application"). I am also the founder and CEO of Signature Domains.

2. No later than January of 1999, I reduced to practice (with the assistance of outside IT specialists) a system for checking the registration availability of domain names (the "Multi-check system"). I initially used the Multi-check system in-house, and later deployed the system as part of a publicly-accessible web site. The initial reduction to practice and use of the Multi-check system occurred within the United States.

3. Attached to this Declaration are four screen shots, each dated January 29, 1999, showing the user interface of the Multi-check system as initially reduced to practice. These four screen shots, labeled Figures A-D, also appear in my provisional application.

4. As shown in Figure A, the Multi-check system allowed a user to check up to five names at a time. Specifically, the user could enter up to five names into a web form without specifying corresponding Top Level Domain (TLD) extensions, and then select a "check

availability" button to submit a corresponding query to a server *used to implement the Multi-check system. This server, referred to herein as the Multi-check server, was responsible for generating the screen displays shown in Figures A-D (including the results table shown in Figure B), and was operated by Applicant in the United States no later than January of 1999.*

*5. Upon receiving a query submission from a user, the Multi-check server would query a registry database operated by Network Solutions to check the registration availability of each user-specified name in combination with each of multiple TLD extensions. For example, if the user were to enter the names "patlaw" and "patentlaw," the registry database would be queried to check the availability of patlaw.com, patlaw.net, patlaw.org, patentlaw.com, patentlaw.net, and patentlaw.org.*

6. As shown by Figures B and C, the Multi-check system would display the results of the query within a table which indicated the availability status of each name for each of multiple TLD extensions. While viewing this table, the user could select one or more of the available names to register by selecting one or more of the associated check boxes, and then select the "register selected names" button to submit a request to register the selected names. A confirmation page (Figure D) would then be displayed to confirm the user's request.

7. No later than January of 1999, I used the Multi-check system in the United States, including the views shown in Figures A-D, to check registration availability of multiple domain names at a time, and to generate requests in which I would request registration of multiple domain names in a single request.

*8. The following are examples of domain names that I personally registered in January of 1999 in the U.S. using the Multi-check system (including the views shown in Figures A-D), with the date of registration shown in parenthesis after each domain name: firstmiami.net (01-10-1999), artphoto.net (01-10-1999), lazynet.net (01-17-1999), grandmanet.net (01-17-1999), easenet.net (01-18-1999), netsharp.net (01-18-1999), grandpanet.net (01-19-1999), britenet.net (01-19-1999), helpnet.net (01-19-1999), and momnet.net (01-19-1999).*

*9. All of these registrations remain active in the registry, as can be verified by running a "whois" search from the web page at www.verisign.com/nds/naming/. The registration information for one of these domain names, firstmiami.net, is attached as Figure E.*

10. The Multi-check system, as implemented and used within the United States no later than January of 1999, falls within the scope, and represents a reduction to practice, of each of the pending independent claims of the present application, *as well as dependent Claims 20-22, 27-29, 31, 35-37, and 40-42,* as amended by the amendment filed herewith.

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent resulting therefrom.

Dated: 4-13-04 By: BFellman
Barry Fellman

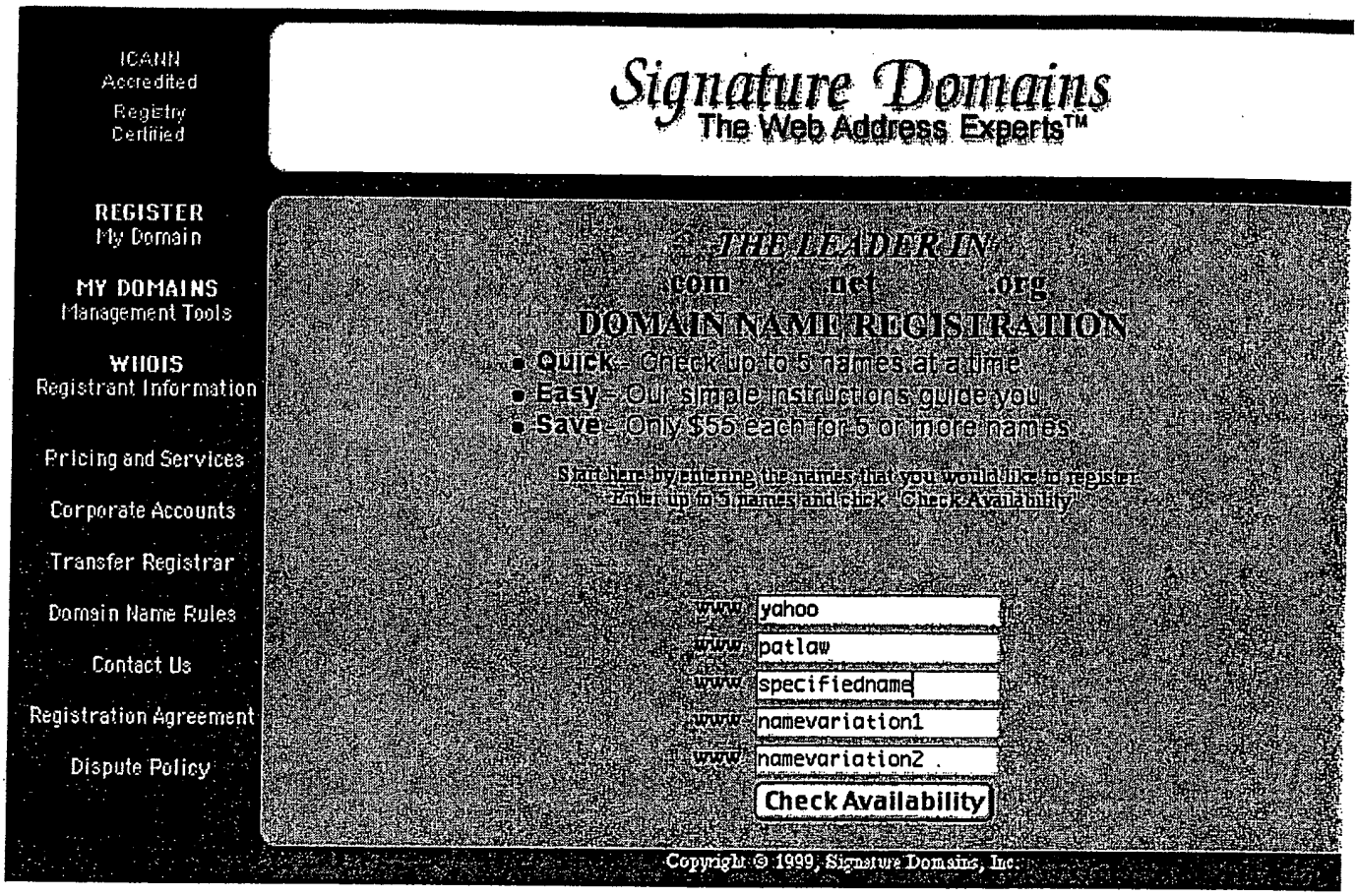
ICANN Accredited
Registry Certified
REGISTER My Domain
MY DOMAINS Management Tools
WHOIS Registrant Information
Pricing and Services
Corporate Accounts
Transfer Registrar
Domain Name Rules
Contact Us
Registration Agreement
Dispute Policy
Signature Domains
The Web Address Experts™
THE LEADER IN
.com .net .org
DOMAIN NAME REGISTRATION
Quick - Check up to 5 names at a time
Easy - Our simple instructions guide you
Save - Only $55 each for 5 or more names
Start here by entering the names that you would like to register.
Enter up to 5 names and click "Check Availability"
www. yahoo
www. patlaw
www. specifiedname
www. namevariation1
www. namevariation2
Check Availability
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Fig. A

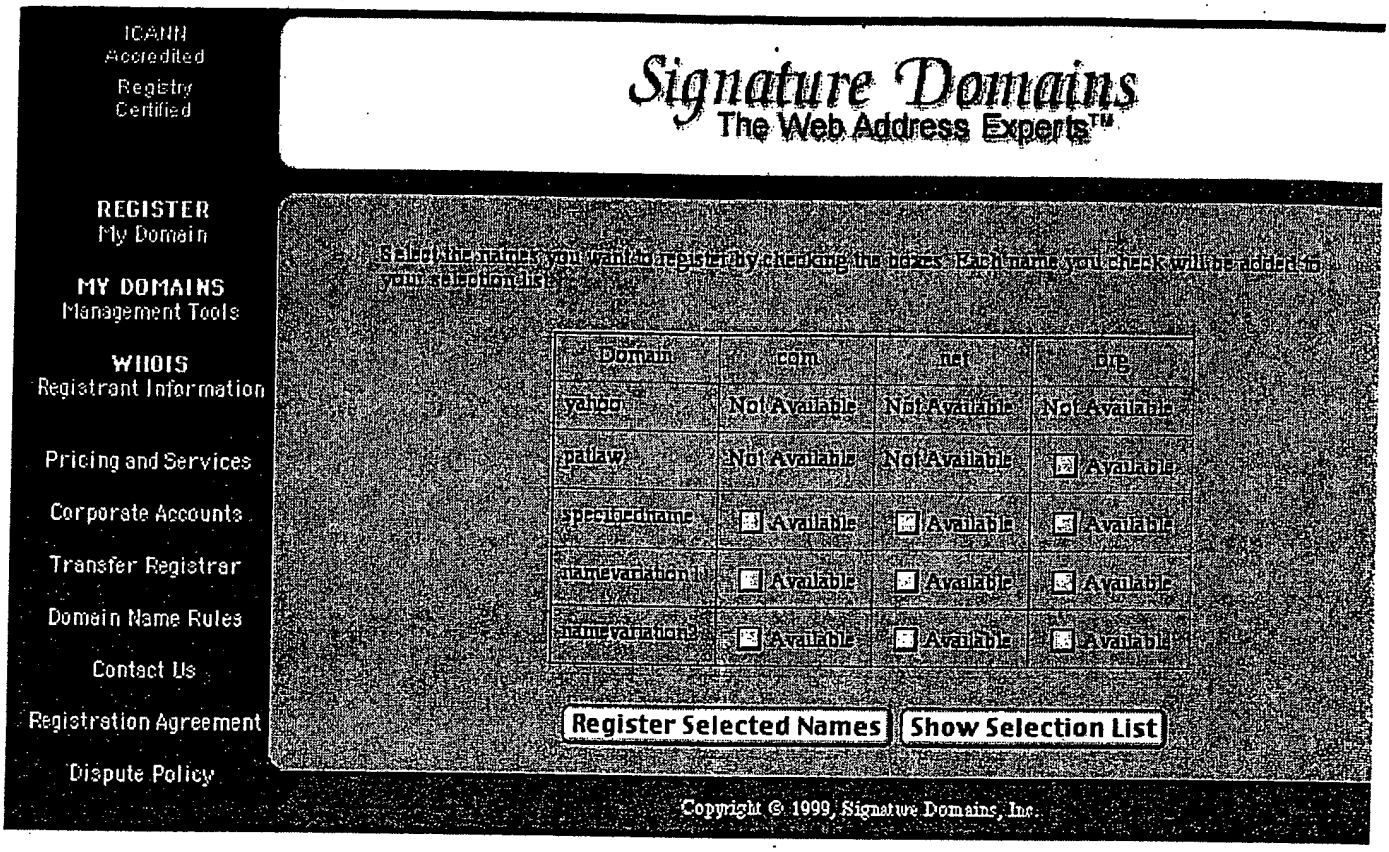
ICANN Accredited Registry Certified
Signature Domains
The Web Address Experts™
REGISTER My Domain
MY DOMAINS Management Tools
WHOIS Registrant Information
Pricing and Services
Corporate Accounts
Transfer Registrar
Domain Name Rules
Contact Us
Registration Agreement
Dispute Policy
Select the names you want to register by checking the boxes. Each name you check will be added to your selection list.
Domain
com
net
org
yahoo
Not Available
Not Available
Not Available
paltalk
Not Available
Not Available
Available
specifiedname
Available
Available
Available
namevariation1
Available
Available
Available
namevariation2
Available
Available
Available
Register Selected Names
Show Selection List
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Fig. B

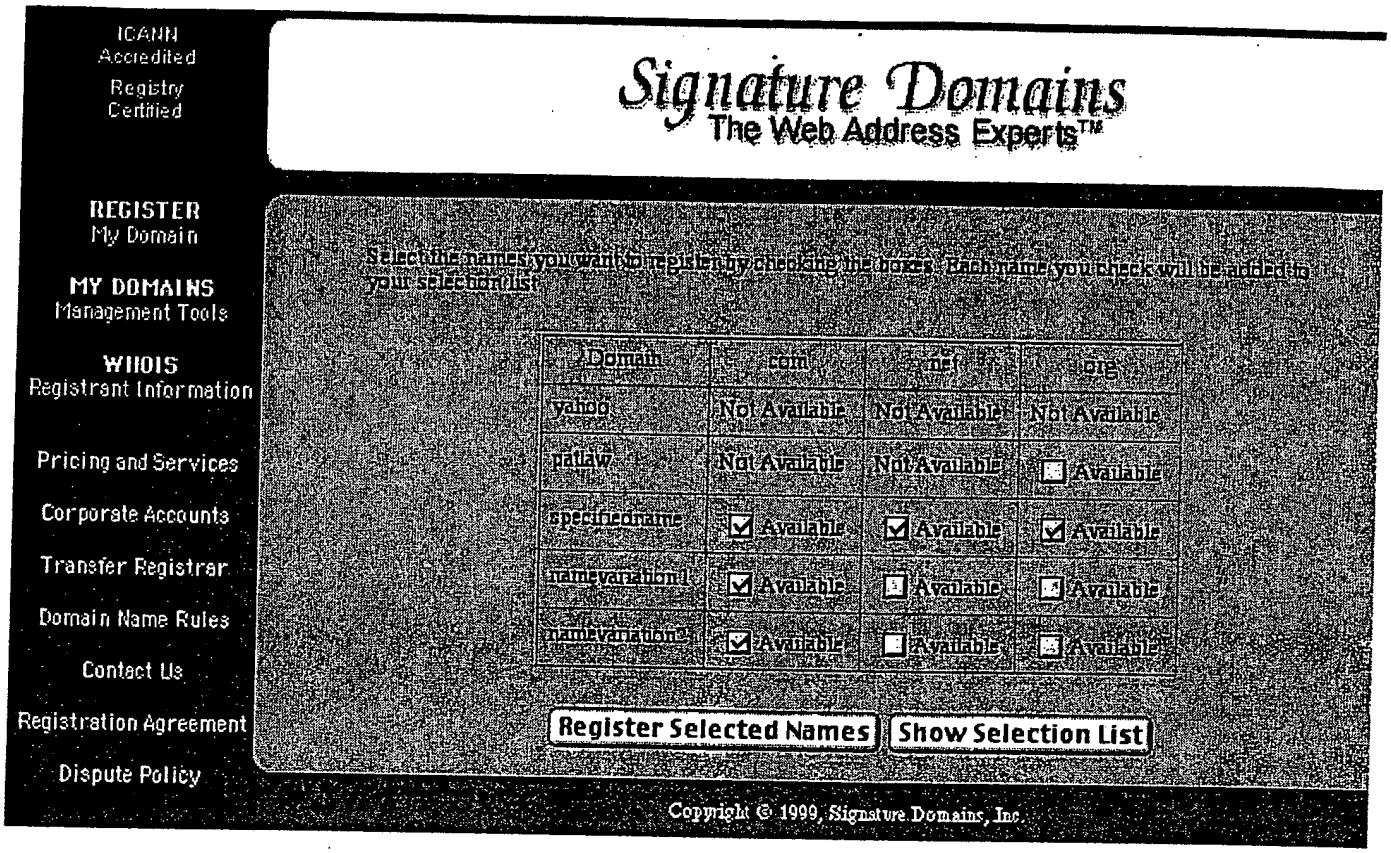
ICANN Accredited Registry Certified
Signature Domains
The Web Address Experts™
REGISTER My Domain
MY DOMAINS Management Tools
WHOIS Registrant Information
Pricing and Services
Corporate Accounts
Transfer Registrar
Domain Name Rules
Contact Us
Registration Agreement
Dispute Policy
Select the names you want to register by checking the boxes. Each name you check will be added to your selection list.
Domain
.com
.net
.org
yahoo
Not Available
Not Available
Not Available
patlaw
Not Available
Not Available
Available
specifiedname
Available
Available
Available
namevariation1
Available
Available
Available
namevariation2
Available
Available
Available
Register Selected Names
Show Selection List
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Fig. C

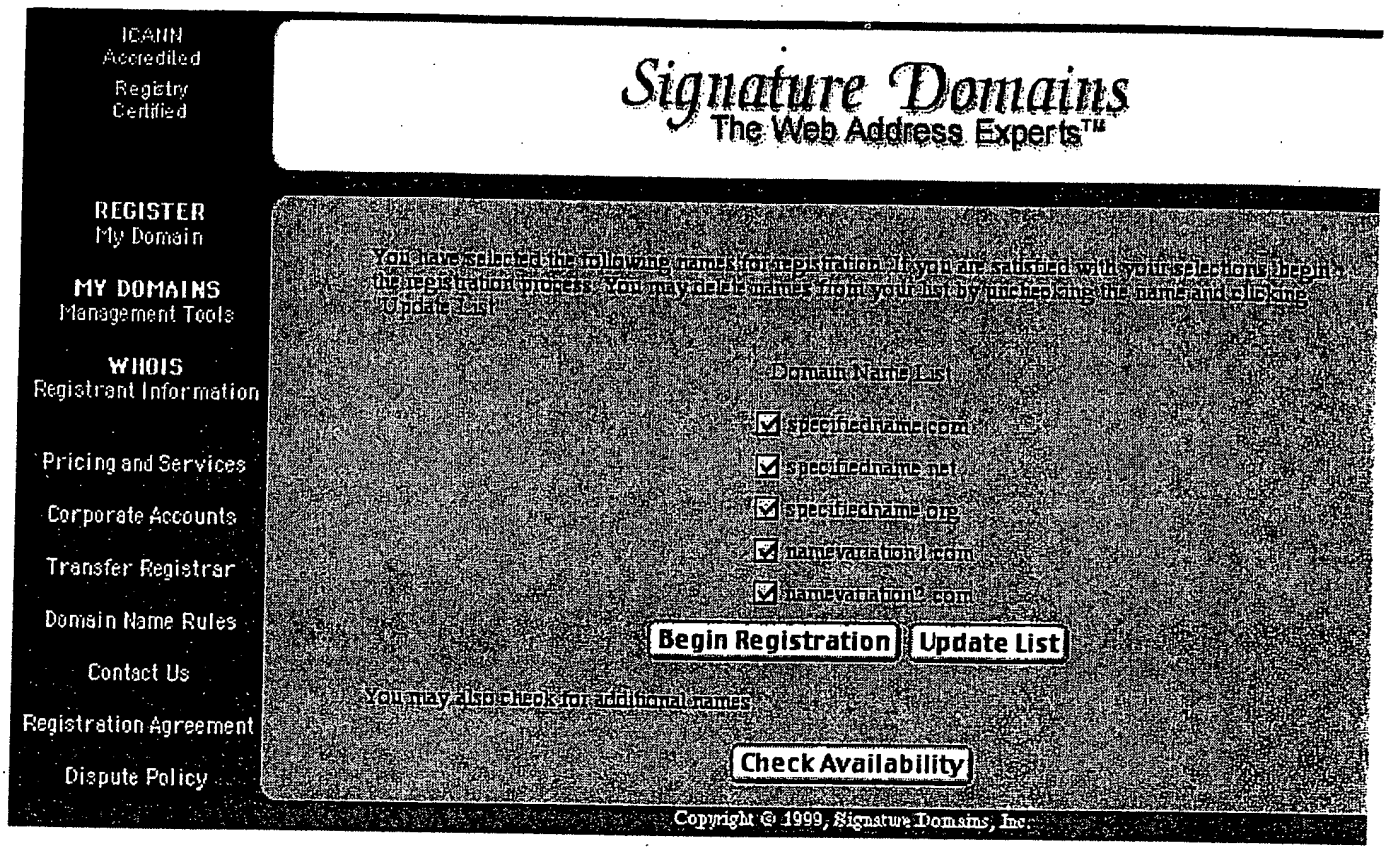
ICANN Accredited
Registry Certified
Signature Domains
The Web Address Experts™
REGISTER
My Domain
MY DOMAINS
Management Tools
WHOIS
Registrant Information
Pricing and Services
Corporate Accounts
Transfer Registrar
Domain Name Rules
Contact Us
Registration Agreement
Dispute Policy
You have selected the following names for registration. If you are satisfied with your selections, begin the registration process. You may add names from your list by unchecking the name and clicking "Update List".
Domain Name List
specifiedname.com
specifiedname.net
specifiedname.org
namevariation1.com
namevariation2.com
Begin Registration
Update List
You may also check for additional names.
Check Availability
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Fig. D

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## VeriSign WHOIS Search Results

### Search Registry Whois:

(●) Domain (ex.verisign.com)
( ) Registrar (ex. ABC Registrar, Inc.)
( ) Nameserver (ex.NS.NETSOL.COM or 198.41.0.196)

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**NOTE: Successful domain registrations and modifications may not be in the WHOIS database for up to 48 hours.**

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[whois.verisign-grs.com]

Whois Server Version 1.3

Domain names in the .com and .net domains can now be registered
with many different competing registrars. Go to http://www.internic.net
for detailed information.

   Domain Name: FIRSTMIAMI.NET
   Registrar: 123 EASY DOMAIN NAMES DBA SIGNATURE DOMAINS
   Whois Server: whois.signaturedomains.com
   Referral URL: http://www.signaturedomains.com
   Name Server: NS3.SIGNATUREDOMAINS.COM
   Name Server: NS4.SIGNATUREDOMAINS.COM
   Status: ACTIVE
   Updated Date: 11-jan-2004
   Creation Date: 10-jan-1999
   Expiration Date: 10-jan-2005

>>> Last update of whois database: Wed, 14 Apr 2004 07:30:46 EDT <<<

NOTICE: The expiration date displayed in this record is the date the
registrar's sponsorship of the domain name registration in the registry is
currently set to expire. This date does not necessarily reflect the expirat
date of the domain name registrant's agreement with the sponsoring
registrar.  Users may consult the sponsoring registrar's Whois database to
view the registrar's reported date of expiration for this registration.

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database through the use of electronic processes that are high-volume and
automated except as reasonably necessary to register domain names or
modify existing registrations; the Data in VeriSign Global Registry
Services' ("VeriSign") Whois database is provided by VeriSign for
information purposes only, and to assist persons in obtaining information
about or related to a domain name registration record. VeriSign does not
guarantee its accuracy. By submitting a Whois query, you agree to abide
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